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Applicant : Gerald W. Gibson, Jr., et al.
Application No. : 10/038,371
Filed : January 2, 2002
Title : SPLIT BARRIER LAYER INCLUDING
NITROGEN-CONTAINING PORTION AND
OXYGEN-CONTAINING PORTION
Grp./Div. : 2812
Examiner : L.A. Gurley
Docket No. : 47070/MJM/A717

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office action (Restriction Requirement) dated August 8, 2002, applicants acknowledge the Examiner's requirement of restriction in the above-identified application and hereby elect Group I claims (claims 1-15) drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 758+, for the purposes of further prosecuting this patent application. This election is made without traverse.

In view of such election, applicants respectfully request that claims 1-15 be examined on the merits.

A Petition for One Month Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,
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